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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has conducted any survey to ascertain the drop in profits of unorganised stores due to entry of branded chains;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether small retailers have already reduced staff due to dwindling profits; and

(d) the measures the Government proposes to take to protect the interest of small retailers?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY(SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR)

(a) to (d): Government has instituted a study to assess the impact of organized retailing on unorganized retail trade through Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER).The terms of reference of the study are at Annex. Government has also commissioned a study to the National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER) on Growth linkages of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in India which would focus on the impact of FDI on rural economy.The final reports are yet to be submitted by these organisations.